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USING THE RIGHT WORD: LIST 1

a, an	<p>A is used before words that begin with a consonant sound; An is used before words that begin with any vowel sound except long “u”.</p> <p><i>A heap, an idol</i></p>
Accept, Except	<p>The verb accept means “to receive.” The preposition except means “other than.”</p> <p><i>Melissa graciously accepted defeat.</i> <i>All the boys except Zach were here.</i></p>
Affect, Effect	<p>Affect is almost always a verb; it means “to influence”. Effect can be a verb, but it is most often used as a noun that means “the result”.</p> <p><i>How does population growth affect us?</i> <i>What are the effects of population growth?</i></p>
Allowed, Aloud	<p>The verb allowed means “permitted” or “let happen.” Aloud is an adverb that means “in a normal voice.”</p> <p><i>We weren’t allowed to read aloud in the library.</i></p>
Allusion, Illusion	<p>An allusion is a brief reference to or hint of something (person, place, thing, or idea). An illusion is a false impression or idea.</p> <p><i>The Great Dontini, a magician, made an allusion to Houdini as he created the illusion of sawing his assistant in half.</i></p>
A lot	<p>A lot is not one word, but two; it is a general descriptive phrase meaning plenty. (It should be avoided in formal writing.)</p>
All right	<p>All right is not one word, but two; it is a phrase meaning “satisfactory” or “okay.” (Please note, the following are spelled correctly: always, altogether, already, almost).</p>

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For each of the following sentences, write a word from the list below to fill in the blank.

☐ A, An, Except, Affect, Effect, Allowed, Aloud, Accept

1. At the school he attended, everyone _____ Julian knew how to swim.

2. Not being able to see in the dark _____ one's ability to drive safely.

3. Mackenzie was _____ to break the rules in order to protect her friends.

4. He created _____ computer-based language that really helped our technology grow.

5. It was _____ honor to meet the President and a memory I will always cherish.

6. These hallway passes _____ you to be in the hallway while class is in session.

7. The creation of the printing press had an amazing _____ on the literacy and reading rates (the number of people who can read and write) across Europe.

8. Chandra will not _____ any excuses for being late to her event.

9. Today, people can also hear many books read _____ on audiotape or CD's.

10. This alarm clock has had an _____ on my morning routine since I now never over-sleep!